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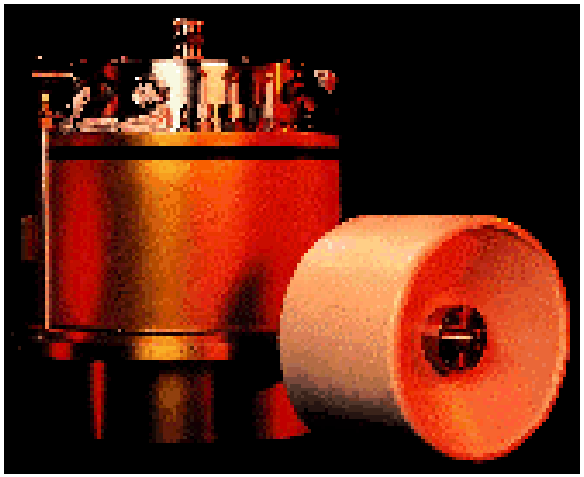
Flywheel Energy Storage System

U.S. Flywheel Systems & Boeing Company

TECHNOLOGY

A flywheel energy storage system is a mechanical battery that converts energy to mechanical motion, and then converts that motion back to energy when necessary.



Flywheel

COMMERCIAL APPLICATION

- Replace the chemical batteries used in space on satellites
- Potential use by utility companies and other electrical power systems

SOCIAL / ECONOMIC BENEFIT

- Process is very efficient, clean and safe
- More space can be devoted to science experiments and facilities on the International Space Station
- Creates a more cost effective space station
- Its lifetime can match the lifetime of the ISS

NASA APPLICATIONS

- The flywheel energy storage system was developed to replace chemical batteries on the International Space Station.
- The Flywheel Energy Storage System (FESS) will demonstrate the use of aerospace flywheel technology as energy storage for future use on ISS and other spacecraft

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